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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

April 26, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable HENRY C. JOHNSON, Jr. to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, we lift up our voices to You. We come into Your presence with singing. Granted, some of us can only make a joyful noise and others are hard-pressed to carry anything close to a melodious tune, but we rejoice knowing You are the one who made us. We each belong to You. In this we find our delight.

So may we serve You with gladness, that our voices would speak of Your infinite goodness. Give us gentle words to turn away the asperity of dissent and divisiveness. Restrain our harsh words that we would not contribute to quarrels nor fuel dispute.

We are the sheep of Your pasture. May we enter Your gates with praise. May we fill Your courts, this Chamber, with thanksgiving.

For You, the Lord, are good, and Your steadfast love endures forever. Your faithfulness is to all generations. In the joy of Your name we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolu-

tion 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. KAPTUR led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

TRANSATLANTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SECURITY ACT

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge passage of the bipartisan Transatlantic Telecommunications Security Act that Congressman KINZINGER and I have introduced.

Central and Eastern European nations are working to develop the modern telecommunications infrastructure necessary to facilitate global connectivity in the 21st century. At the same time, China, through its Belt and Road Initiative, is strategically inducing dependence on its financing and technology to construct these projects, endangering liberty and security.

5G technology represents the future of global communications. We must not allow those who are hostile to freedom and democracy to dominate this technological space and undermine stability.

Our allies need American financing and partnership. Through the Transatlantic Telecommunications Security Act, let us construct and deploy the state-of-the-art networks that will spur economic prosperity and connect people and communities.

Mr. Speaker, I invite all my colleagues to join us in this bill. We must stand with our European allies against the threats posed by foreign adversaries. And please, help us pass the Transatlantic Telecommunications Security Act without delay.

TITLE 42

(Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, last week, I visited with the police officers in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, to hear firsthand about the drug epidemic that is facing communities in my district.

One of the officers told me a story of how just the night before, he recovered over 150 bags of heroin after receiving a 911 call for a man abusing a puppy on a public street. This story gets to the heart of what these deadly drugs do to our communities.

Instead of addressing this crisis by securing our border, President Biden has chosen to end title 42, a program that has helped our Border Patrol agents protect Americans.

Mr. Speaker, it is time to fight the drug epidemic that has allowed heroin, crack cocaine, and fentanyl to take the lives of so many Pennsylvanians, so many Americans.

It is time to secure our border and make title 42 the law of the land.

It is time to face the drug crisis head on.

It is time to protect all of our communities.

WE ARE A NATION OF IMMIGRANTS

(Mr. ESPAILLAT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

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